Assembly Resolution No. 1330

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MEMORIALIZING Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 15-19, 2026, as Sanitation Workers Week in the State of New York

WHEREAS, It is the conviction of this Legislative Body that those individuals who faithfully serve the needs of the community and its citizens with steadfast dedication and compassionate commitment profoundly strengthen our shared commitment to family and community life; and

WHEREAS, It is, furthermore, the practice of this Legislative Body to recognize the efforts of essential workers who, in providing vital services and support to people in the communities across New York State, serve to enhance the quality of life for our residents; and

WHEREAS, Attendant to such concern, and in full accord with its long-standing traditions, this Legislative Body is justly proud to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 15-19, 2026, as Sanitation Workers Week in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, Sanitation Workers Week is a week set aside to show appreciation to all the sanitation workers whose efforts may have gone unnoticed during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Sanitation workers are among the high-risk occupations in New York State which include: police, first responders, municipal workers, supermarket workers and other essential retail personnel, healthcare workers, delivery services, private and public sector unions, truck drivers, postal workers, National Guard and Reservists, educators, utility workers, elder care services, transit system, manufacturing industry, human services providers, and food banks; and

WHEREAS, While others were safely under quarantine, these loyal and dependable public servants continued to work and provide essential services to the residents of New York State; and

WHEREAS, Understanding the risks involved, sanitation workers performed their duties with tireless devotion and commitment and were vital during the COVID-19 pandemic, with additional dangers, such as vehicles not following road safety rules, as well as the disposal of dangerous, unsanitary trash which was more necessary than ever; and

WHEREAS, Employers, as well as New Yorkers across the State, should celebrate Sanitation Workers Week by taking a moment to simply say, "Thank you," to the sanitation workers in their communities; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Legislative Body that those who enhance the quality of life in their communities and show a long and sustained commitment to the maintenance of high standards in their profession certainly have earned the recognition and applause of all the

citizens of this great Empire State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to memorialize Governor Kathy Hochul to proclaim June 15-19, 2026, as Sanitation Workers Week in the State of New York; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to The Honorable Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York.